

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 5th July 2015

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

The Kerry Amateur Radio Group wish to announce that the 70cms repeater EI7MGR located on Mullaghanish, Co. Kerry will be off the air for a period of time for annual maintenance, upgrading and for relocating to a new building on its site.

Southern Ireland Repeater Network:

IRLP node 5883 which is accessible from all repeaters on the Southern Ireland Repeater network will be off air for maintenance for the next few weeks. Enquiries to sirnrepeaters /at/gmail/dot/com.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 8.30pm. This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion. There will also be an analysis of the Groups participation in the IRTS VHF/UHF Field Day which takes place this weekend (4th/5th July). For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to the group website www.ei7trg.ie

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club wishes to congratulate four SWL members who passed the recent HAREC examination. All four have been issued with their licences; Harry EI2KL, Albert EI6HXB, Conor EI6HAB and Joe EI6HHB. Great DX to all, may they derive many years of happy operating.

Harry had already gained CW proficiency during his sea going days. Thanks to Dave EI4BZ who facilitated Harry in sitting the CW test thereby enabling him to go straight to the full licence.

DX News

Lu W4LT will be operating holiday-style from Montserrat from 8th to 17th July. He will use the callsign VP2MLU. QSLs go via the home call and logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

For those who missed the recent OJ0V activity from Market Reef there is another chance to work this semi-rare DXCC entity. Starting on 11th July for one week a group from the Aaland Islands will operate as OJ0S. QSL to OH0AA.

Stan EI6DX will operate from the Seychelles as S79OWZ from 16th to 30th July. He will be on the northern side of Mahe Island with a clear take-off to Europe and Asia. QSL Manager is RX3RC.

A team of 6 British amateurs will travel to Svalbard and be active as JW/homecall from 10th to 17th July. Operation will be on all bands 40 -10m CW and SSB and perhaps 6m. QSLs can be requested via the Club Log OQRS facility.

Cavan Repeaters

Ronnie EI9ED has highlighted that the Cavan radio and TV repeaters are fully operational and asks that radio amateurs make greater use of the repeaters. The call in channel is 145.500MHz. He mentions that the call in on 4 metre repeaters is 70.2625MHz it was previously 70.260MHz.

AREN News

On 25th June, Tim EI2KA, representing AREN was presented with a scroll by Cork County Mayor Alan Coleman at a civic reception held in Cork County Hall. The reception, to acknowledge the skill, dedication and bravery demonstrated in the service of the community during search and rescue and other emergencies in the region, was attended by more than 250 dignitaries and representatives from across the professional and volunteer agencies.

The Square Kilometre Array

The Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project is an international effort to build the world's largest radio telescope, led by the SKA Organisation.

The SKA is not a single telescope, but a collection of telescopes or instruments, called an array, to be spread over long distances. The SKA is to be constructed in two phases: Phase 1 (called SKA1) in South Africa and Australia; Phase 2 (called SKA2) expanding into other African countries, with the component in Australia also being expanded. The SKA project is currently supported by 11 countries.

Construction of the SKA is set to start in 2018, with early science observations in 2020.

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group are pleased to announce their annual Radio, Electronics & Hobby Rally will be held this year on Sunday, 13th September 2015 at The Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork.

As per usual, doors will open at 11am and entry is €5 per person, children under 16 are free. Raffle tickets will be available at the door.

For anyone wishing to secure a table, or stall, please contact Lisa EI9GSB on 086 8427756 or ei9gsb /at/ me.com to ensure early confirmation. For anyone interested in taking the morse test, or to have QSLs checked, please advise us as soon as possible so that we can arrange to have the relevant officials present.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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